

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A sheet transport mechanism, comprising:

a rotation roller;

a movable member plurality of driven rollers which are arranged parallel to an axis of the rotation roller; and

a plurality of sheet transport guide for guides, each guiding toward and/or away from the rotation roller, a sheet to be transported between the rotation roller and the movable member driven rollers, each of the sheet transport guides guide including a torsion coil spring an elastic member and having an arm portion which is connected to each of the driven rollersmovable member,

wherein each of the sheet transport guides guide applies elastic force to each of the driven rollersmovable member so that each of the driven rollersmovable member is elastically biased toward the rotation roller, and

each elastic force applied to each of the sheet transport guides is different from each other with distance from a predetermined reference position.

2-11. (Canceled)

12. (New) A sheet transport mechanism according to claim 1,

wherein the predetermined reference position is located in a central part of the shaft of the rotation roller.

13. (New) A sheet transport mechanism according to claim 1,
wherein the predetermined reference position is located in either one of opposite end
portions of the shaft of the rotation roller.